IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Whiting et al.

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METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR FACILITATING TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN

COMMERCIAL BANKS AND POOLED DEPOSITOR GROUPS

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated August 20, 2009, for which a shortened statutory period for reply has been extended up to and including January 20, 2010. A petition for a 2-month Extension of Time is attached hereto. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.